

Comparison of Economic Trends in Communist China
and India during their respective Five-Year Plans

The following tables present brief summaries of the gross national production for Communist China during its First Five-Year Plan, 1953-1957, and India during its First Five-Year Plan, 1950-1954 through 1955-1956.

Estimated Trends in Gross National Product and Population

	<u>India</u>					
	<u>1950-51</u>	<u>1951-52</u>	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>
Gross National Product Billion rupees <u>a</u>	5.0	5.8	101.5	111.0	111.0	111.0
Index <u>a</u>	100	116	100	111	110	111
Population Millions of people	357.32	364.35	368.0	371.0	374.0	376.0

	<u>Communist China</u>					
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Gross National Product <u>b</u> Billion Yuan	70.5	71.1	81.2	81.2	81.2	81.2
Index	100	100	111	111	111	111
Population Millions of People	570.0	582.0	592.0	602.0	612.0	621.0

a/ In constant 1948-49 prices.

b/ In constant 1950 prices.

Trends in Industrial OutputIndia

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Overall Index a/	100	103.6	105.6	112.9	122.1	133.0
Steel (thousand tons)	1,590	1,600	1,530	1,720	1,730	1,760
Coal (million metric tons)	34.9	36.9	36.6	37.5	38.8	39.4
Electric power (billion kwh)	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.5	8.5	9.6
Cotton yarn (thousand MT)	588	656	682	707	745	754

Communist China

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Overall Index b/	100	118	142	157	201	228
Steel (thousand MT)	1,349	1,774	2,225	2,853	4,465	5,200
Coal (million metric tons)	63.5	66.6	79.9	13.5	105.9	120.0
Electric power (billion kwh)	7.3	9.2	11.0	12.3	15.5	18.9
Cotton yarn (thousand mt)	656	745	835	720	52	837

a/ Over-all index for factory production.

b/ Over-all index for industrial output excluding individual handicraft.

Trends in Agricultural OutputIndia

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Overall Index of Output a/	100	102	105	115	115	115
Basic food crops b/ (million metric tons)	59.6	61.1	58.9	81.6	78.1	75.2
Cotton (thousand metric tons)	501	531	550	711	728	669

China

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Overall Index c/	100	100	98	104	109	114
Basic food crops b/	(177.5) d/	(178.5) d/	169.5	184.0	192.2	194.7
(million metric tons)	163.9 d/	166.8 d/				
Cotton (thousand metric tons)	1,305	1,175	1,065	1,518	1,445	1,535

a/ Index of income originating including forestry products and subsidiary output.

b/ All basic food crops including grains, soybeans, legumes, and potatoes converted at 0.25 ton to one ton gross weight to make the figures comparable with the figures for Communist China.

c/ Based on a correction for probable underestimates of output of basic food crops for Communist China in 1952 and 1953.

d/ Figures in parentheses are estimated on the basis of believed under-statement of 1952 and 1953 production figures in official Chinese Communist statistics which are given without parentheses.